Year	India's total tobacco exports (Mkgs)	World exports (estimated) (Mkgs)	% share
2004-05	138	2103	6.56%
2005-06	142	2103	6.75%
2006-07	153	2103	7.28%

(b) Yes, Sir. Average prices fetched by growers of tobacco in Brazil and by growers of FCV tobacco in India for last three years are as follows:

(US $/Kg)

Year	Brazil	India
2005	1.76	0.92
2006	1.90	1.03
2007	2.00	1.30

(c) In the international market, Brazilian tobaccos are classified as 'flavorful' tobaccos, while Indian tobaccos are classified under 'filler' category. In the world markets, flavourful tobacco fetches higher prices than that of filler tobacco and this the main reason for pricing Indian tobaccos below Brazilian tobaccos.

(d) More than 60% of the total production of cigarette tobaccos in India is exported. India emerged as the world second exporter of FCV tobacco after Brazil in 2005. Thus India has certainly achieved its proportionate share in the international cigarette market and is poised to further improve its position in the changing world tobacco scenario.

Production of cardamom

639. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total production of cardamom in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the total quantity of cardamom exported during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Cardamom production is rapidly decreasing in the country; if so, the main reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is a proposal under active consideration of Government to introduce cultivation of cardamom in other parts of the country particularly Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) the State-wise production details of cardamom (small & large) during the last three years is given below:

State-wise area and production of cardamom (small) in India

(Area in ha., production in tons)

State	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08*	
	Area	Prodn.	Area	Prodn.	Area	Prodn.
Kerala	41367	9765	41362	8545	39743	7050
Karnataka	27173	1775	26611	1725	24976	1585
Tamil Nadu	5255	1000	5255	965	4561	835
TOTAL	73795	12540	73228	11235	69280	9470

*mid term estimate

State	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08*	
	Area	Prodn.	Area	Prodn.	Area	Prodn.
Sikkim	26734	4477	26734	3910	26734	4360
West Bengal	3305	708	3305	510	3305	615
TOTAL	30039	5185	30039	4420	30039	4975

(b) Total quantity of cardamom exported during the last 3 years:

(Qty. in tons and value in Rs. lakhs)

State	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	Quantity Area	Value	Quantity Area	Value	Quantity Area	Value.
Cardamom Small	642	2362.40	863	2682.13	650	2236.00
Cardamom Large	954	1129.86	1046	1154.65	1500	1695.00

(c) There is a decline in the production of cardamom (small) and cardamom (large) largely due to sudden changes in the agro climatic conditions and persistent pest and disease in the major growing centres.

(d) and (e) Spices Board intends to introduce cultivation of cardamom (large) in the State of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland. There is, however, no proposal for expansion of cultivation of cardamom (small) in the country. There is no proposal to introduce the cultivation of cardamom in the State of Uttar Pradesh.